

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

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PROJECT	
Project name and acronym:	[Forwarding Democratic EU Participation] — [FORCEP]
Participant:	[Social Innovation and Cohesion Institute] (Fifty-Fifty)
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EVENT DESCRIPTION	
Event number:	[11]
Event name:	[European conference: —E-DEMOCRACY: A TOOL FOR ACTIVATING UNEMPLOYED CITIZENS' PARTICIPATION"]
Type:	[European Closing Conference]
In situ/online:	[in-situ]
Location:	[Siatista], [Greece]
Date(s):	[29/04/2024]
Website(s) (if any):	www.forcep.eu
Participants	
Female:	108
Male:	17
Non-binary:	4
From country 1 [Greece]:	71
From country 2 [Slovenia]:	10
From country 3 [Romania]:	20
From country 4 [Italy]:	3
From country 5 [Hungary]:	20
From country 6 [Croatia]:	2
From country 7 [Spain]:	3
Total number of participants:	129
From total number of countries:	7
Description	
<i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>	

The European conference titled "e-Democracy: A Tool for Activating Unemployed Citizens' Participation" convened on April 29, 2024, at the Municipality of Voio, Siatista, Greece. The event aimed to explore the role of e-democracy in enhancing the participation of unemployed citizens in governance and employment activation.

The conference commenced with registrations from 10:00 to 10:30, followed by welcoming remarks and short presentations of the participating organizations from 10:30 to 11:00. Project leaders set the stage with introductory speeches, emphasizing the importance of digital tools in promoting active citizenship among unemployed individuals.

From 11:00 to 11:30, the Mayor of the Municipality of Voio delivered a welcome speech, highlighting the local perspective on e-democracy and its potential impact on citizen engagement, particularly among unemployed populations.

A substantial panel discussion unfolded from 11:30 to 12:30, focusing on reviewing the project's impact on e-democracy and unemployed citizens' participation. Representatives from the Municipality of Voio and various organizations shared insights and experiences, discussing effective strategies and challenges faced in integrating e-democracy tools.

A coffee break from 12:30 to 13:00 provided networking opportunities before the Open Debatable Thematic Discussion from 13:00 to 14:00. Participants engaged in breakout sessions to develop strategies ensuring proper governance and quality in utilizing e-democracy to engage unemployed citizens effectively.

Following a lunch break from 14:00 to 15:00, a local representative or policy expert delivered a speech on "Digital Tools for Employment Activation." This session included live demonstrations of innovative digital government services designed to support employment initiatives and facilitate job-seeking among the unemployed.

From 15:30 to 16:30, policy experts discussed recommendations for governments and institutions to support e-democracy and employment activation. The session focused on leveraging digital platforms and tools effectively to enhance citizen participation and improve employment outcomes.

A speech from 16:30 to 17:00 highlighted "E-Democracy as a Tool for Social Inclusion," showcasing successful local government initiatives that use e-democracy to reduce social exclusion and engage marginalized groups. The discussion underscored how digital platforms can empower vulnerable populations and promote inclusive governance.

From 17:00 to 17:30, participants engaged in reflection time, summarizing key insights and takeaways from the day's discussions. The conference concluded with a dinner at 19:30, featuring Romanian dishes, providing a relaxed atmosphere for further networking and informal exchanges among attendees.

Throughout the conference, funded by the European Union, participants explored innovative approaches, shared best practices, and discussed policy recommendations aimed at harnessing e-democracy to activate unemployed citizens' participation in civic and economic life.

The agenda of the "European conference: —E-DEMOCRACY: A TOOL FOR ACTIVATING UNEMPLOYED CITIZENS' PARTICIPATION" is presented below:

Date: 29/04/2024

Time Slot / Session

Conference Day –Siatista, Greece:

10:00 – 10:30: Registrations

10:30 – 11:00: Greeting from Project Leaders and short presentations of the participating organizations; Welcome Speeches

11:00 – 11:30: Welcome Speech delivered by the Mayor of the Municipality of Voio

11:30 – 12:30: Speech: Review of the project's impact on e-democracy and unemployed citizens' participation

Panel discussion with representatives from the Municipality of Voio and organizations

12:30 – 13:00: Coffee Break

13:00 – 14:00: Open Debatable Thematic Discussion: "Ensuring Proper Governance and Quality"

Breakout tables for engaging unemployed citizens by developing strategies for future engagement and participation

14:00 – 15:00: Lunch Break

15:00 – 15:30: Speech: Digital Tools for Employment Activation

Speech by a Local Representative / Policy Expert on live demonstrations of innovative digital government services that support employment activation

15:30 – 16:30: Speech: Policy experts discuss recommendations for governments and institutions to support e-democracy and employment activation

Speech delivered on showcasing digital tools and platforms designed to help unemployed citizens find work

16:30 – 17:00: Speech: "E-Democracy as a Tool for Social Inclusion"

Speech delivered by a representative from a successful local government initiative on how e-democracy can help reduce social exclusion and engage marginalized groups

17:00 – 17:30: Reflection Time

Reflection of the day's discussions

19:30: Dinner

Opportunity to network and enjoy Romanian dishes

HISTORY OF CHANGES

VERSION	PUBLICATION DATE	CHANGE
1.0	01.04.2022	Initial version (new MFF).